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# SLOCOMBE'S

## *Dahlias*

### 1926



*"MAID OF THE MIST"*

SLOCOMBE DAHLIA GARDENS  
555 TOWNSEND AVENUE  
NEW HAVEN, CONN.



# Slocombe's Famous Dahlias

## For 1926



A PARTIAL VIEW OF ONE OF OUR GARDENS

Our Dahlias have been Gold Medal Winners for many, many years and they need no introduction or advertising.

Our gold, silver and bronze medals, silver cups and vases, speak triumphantly of prizes won in several states at the leading shows.

Not only do we win with *our creations*, but many of our customers are also winning prizes everywhere. Our name has stood and still stands for distinction and quality.

Our Dahlia Ratings can be found in Prof. J. B. S. Norton's book for 1926, just issued, and also from Storrs College, Storrs, Conn., where they have received many certificates, having won, each one on its own merits.

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 In the event that we are sold out of certain varieties, we will substitute to our best judgment, **unless ordered not to do so.**

**ORDER EARLY.** By ordering early we can reserve your stock and ship when wanted. By so doing you will avoid the disappointment of not getting what you want. Give second choice.

**WE START SHIPPING** around April 15th, and orders are filled in rotation. We replace tubers cheerfully.

**CASH WITH ORDERS,** or in advance of shipment. If you do not find the varieties you want in this catalogue write us. We have many of which stock is too limited to catalogue. **All Orders** to receive attention must be accompanied by the amount necessary to pay for the same.

**REMITTANCES** should be made by post-office money order or check.

**FORWARDING.** All bulbs are sent Parcel Post unless otherwise stated. We do not guarantee safe delivery of any shipment, but, if you wish shipment insured we will insure it at your expense at the following rates; Value up to \$5.00, 3c; value up to \$25.00, 5c; value up to \$50.00, 10c; value up to \$100.00, 25c.

**GUARANTEE.** We send out divided field-grown roots, every one guaranteed true to name and to arrive in good growing condition.

**ATTENTION — Orders taken in the Fall not fully paid for** will be sent C. O. D., unless previous arrangement has been made.

**PRICES.** This list cancels all previous prices.

**WRITE** your name and address plainly.

**MAKE CHECKS** payable to Emily Slocombe.

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## A WORD OF APPRECIATION

It is with pleasure we send to Dahlia Lovers our list of Novelties and Varieties of our own raising and the cream of other growers, all of which have been tested out and have come up to the requirements of our ideal of a Dahlia.

Having discarded hundreds of Dahlias and retained only the best of the older varieties, we would like to call attention to the more choice varieties which we have every confidence in offering our customers. We wish to thank all our patrons for their past favors and many flattering letters of appreciation regarding our new creations.

**A cordial invitation** is extended to all Dahlia lovers to visit our gardens during the blooming season, especially during the latter part of September and early October. Our Dahlia Gardens are located on Townsend Avenue, opposite Fort Hale Road. Visitors wishing to come by the electric cars, should take a Lighthouse Car and get off at Fort Hale Road, and walk one block east; those coming by automobile should take the Townsend Avenue road leading to Morris Cove.

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### NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1926

- "Belle Slocombe" (1925).** A beautiful rich velvet maroon, decorative. The flowers face the horizon with upward grace. The blooms are held erect, several inches above the first set of leaves. The blooms keep well when cut and never have green centers, the petals do not shower off and does not sunburn easily. It is very prolific on the best of stems. The height of the plant is about five feet. It is a good tuber multiplier. A good bloomer and prize winner. Tubers ..... \$5.00
- "Curfew" (1925).** A lovely deep yellow decorative with full high centers, with large blooms. It is a free bloomer. It grows about five feet in height. It makes good tubers. The blossoms never come open or with green centers. The petals do not shower off or sunburn. The flowers face the horizon. Tubers 2.00

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### GOLDEN HEART (1925)

This description given in the December 1925 "Garden and Home Builder"

- "Golden Heart" (Slocombe).** Our impression of this aptly named flower can be expressed in one word "beauty", and is we think, the most beautiful variety that has yet come from the Slocombe Gardens. A curly petaled decorative, the outer petals tinted with salmon-pink and gradually shading to a clear golden center." The flowers are excellent keepers when cut. The massive blooms do not sun-burn or petals shower off. It is a very free bloomer. It grows about five feet high. The blooms do not come with hard or green centers. Above the leaves, the flowers are held, cane stiffly erect and boldly face the horizon. The blooms average 8 to 10 inches without forcing or disbudding. We cannot think of any Dahlia that resembles it in either form or color. A Dahlia with a future. Tubers .... 10.00
- "Father Time".** Fine, large buff decorative, Held erect on strong stems. Stock limited. Tubers ..... 10.00
- "King Cole" (for 1927).** Maroon.
- "Nathan Hale".** We find another Nathan Hale on the market, so we will change this to "Nathan". Creamy yellow, Hybrid Cactus. Tubers ..... 2.00
- "Indian Summer".** Decorative. The name describes the color. .... 10.00

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A \$5.00 tuber of "Alan Slocombe" given free with every order amounting to \$25.00 and a \$2.00 tuber of "Maid of the Mist" given free with every order amounting to \$10.00 if order is received on or before March 20th, 1926.



## DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

### ORIGINATED BY JOHN H. SLOCOMBE

The following are all distinct and wonderful creations of this beautiful type of Dahlia.

Without doubt the finest set of Dahlias originated and sent out by any firm in this Country. Every one is a superior Dahlia of its respective type and color, and all are excellent flowers for garden decoration, exhibition or cut flowers.

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**Amanda M. Houghton.** Exceptionally large full flowers of perfect form, lilac pink, changing to a soft pink towards the center, the center petals fading almost to a pure white, are prettily tipped and suffused rose pink, the flowers carried on long stiff stems, ideal for exhibition and cut flowers ..... \$5.00

**Beatrice Slocombe.** A finely built flower, very free-flowering which makes this an ideal garden variety, the ground color is a warm shade of red edged with old gold shading to old rose pink. A unique and attractive color combination, very fine. Awarded a Certificate of Merit and Prize Winner ..... 2.00

**Belle Slocombe** — See New Dahlias, Page three.

**Bonnie Brae (Broomall)** cream, shaded blush-pink. The flowers are immense in size, but apt to be too heavy for the stem. Very free bloomer ..... 2.00

**Canteen (Vincent)** salmon shading cinnamon ..... 2.00

**Charity Slocombe.** This is unquestionably the finest white decorative Dahlia of its type. Seldom, if ever, showing an open center. Beautiful glistening pure white flowers freely produced and carried on long stiff stems measuring nine and more inches across. Not at all coarse, the petals beautifully formed giving the flower a very refined appearance. (Recommended in Mrs. Stout's book and N. Y. Botanical Journal .... 5.00

**Chieftan.** Crimson maroon striped pink. A good fancy Dahlia, free blooming, flowers held erect on good stems ..... 1.00

**Copper King (Marean).** Flower is composed of tubular petals of copper and yellow with light red reverse, making an odd and attractive combination. Erect strong stems. Stock limited. Tubers ..... 7.50

**Curfew.** A good yellow — See New Dahlias, page three.

**Delice (Charmet).** Shell pink. Not large, but a good cut flower .35



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- Dr. Frank H. Whittemore.** Large globular flowers of a beautiful soft pink carried on long stiff stems, very freely flowering and a good grower ..... 1.00
- Dr. Tevis (Pelicano).** A magnificent blossom of a blend of copper, old rose and old gold. Immense flowers with the best of stems 1.00
- Elizabeth Slocombe.** Nice large flowers, carried on long stiff stems, well above the foliage, a vigorous grower; the flowers of splendid form are of a rich purplish-garnet on opening, but fade to an exquisite garnet when they mature. An ideal variety for exhibition and cut flower ..... .50
- El Dorado (Boston).** A low growing bush with immense golden blooms. Free blooming. Tubers (originator's price) ..... 7.50
- Faith Slocombe.** Fine large flower, of a most exquisite shade of old gold overlaid with bronze and delicately tinted with red and gold; an unusually attractive variety, very free blooming 2.00
- Glory of New Haven.** Large flower with beautiful broad petals makes this variety unusually attractive, exceptionally free. The flowers, a clear lavender pink, distinctly veined deeper lavender, produced on long stiff stems, an ideal cut flower and exhibition variety ..... 2.00
- Golden Heart.** See New Dahlias, Page three.
- Jersey's Beauty.** Erosine pink. Tubers ..... 2.50
- John H. Slocombe.** A gorgeous flower of an intense deep red, suffused with a beautiful velvety sheen. The petals prettily curled and twisted make this a most attractive variety. The flowers freely produced on unusually long stiff stems, while measuring eight to nine inches in diameter are not at all coarse. Without doubt the finest red variety yet introduced.... 2.00
- Man of War.** Here is a sturdy, vigorous grower, of a beautiful shade of red. The stem is absolutely perfect, long and stiff and holds the blossoms erect. The blossoms are regularly and perfectly formed and produced with great freedom. A specially fine cut flower for all purposes. It holds its full center to the last ..... 2.00
- Maid of the Mist.** This magnificent Dahlia has been a prize winner ever since a seedling. In color, a lovely deep cream shading to a beautiful cinnamon pink on the outer petals which roll back to a depth of four inches, pointed and twisted. These beautiful, delightful blendings are glorious to

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behold, with its attractive formation and exquisite colorings. The vigorous plants are always laden with immense glowing blossoms, nine to eleven inches in diameter. This new creation of the refined Slocombe type is in itself unique and novel, both in color and form. As a seedling, it won special mention and certificate for most meritorious seedling. In 1921 it won the prize for the best undisseminated seedling at the American Dahlia Society Show in N. Y. In 1922 it won first prizes in every class for vases of 12 and 18 blooms and a special prize awarded for a basket. It has won **First Prize** for the fifth consecutive year. Blooms profusely all the season. Tubers ..... 2.00

**Mildred Slocombe.** The pink decorative par excellence, either for garden exhibition or cut flowers. An exquisite shade of mauve pink with a beautiful silvery sheen, the flowers freely produced and carried on long stiff stems. Best orchid-pink Dahlia to date, perfect in form, prize winner. Fine stems ..... 2.00

**Mrs. Ide ver Warner (Marean).** A refined deep mauve pink, beautifully formed, on erect stems. Prolific bloomer. Tubers 1.50

**Mrs. Nathaniel Slocombe.** Deep yellow, a tall grower and very prolific. Especially recommended in Mrs. Stout's book and N. Y. Botanical Journal by Dr. M. A. Howe. (Winner of the \$25.00 Beaten Silver Cup Trophy of Knight & Struck Co., N. Y.) Tubers ..... 1.00

**Mrs. John L. Emerson.** Well formed flowers, the ground color a warm shade of red and gold, the petals distinctly edged and striped with gold, an effective and rich combination of color, very free, an ideal Dahlia for garden decoration ..... 1.50

**Mrs. Wm. J. Rowe.** Very large, but graceful flower, a beautiful amber shading to clear yellow in the center, very free, a most useful variety for garden or exhibition ..... 2.00

**Mrs. Carl Salbach (Salbach).** An immense bloom of a lovely mauve, shading lighter to the center, and every petal outlined in deep mauve. The stems are extra long and strong ..... .75

**Myra. Valentine (Mills & Co.)** A large golden bronze of great beauty. A profuse bloomer. Excellent long stems, flowers six to eight inches ..... 2.00

**Purity.** One of our oldest and best pure white cut flowers, with good stems. We grow it exclusively for the cut flower trade .50

**Rev. Roy M. Houghton.** Salmon pink. Stock limited ..... 5.00

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- Robert Treat (Mueller).** A brilliant American Beauty, rose shade, stiff upright stems. A prize winner. Tubers ..... 5.00
- Slocombe's Red.** An ideal variety of a most intense velvety red, fine large full flowers, freely produced and carried on erect stems. Plants ..... 2.00
- The Monarch.** This incomparable white Dahlia is the largest and best snow-white grown and is very prolific. The immense bloom with its petals deep and full, is held high above the foliage on long strong stems, making a most excellent cut flower, as well as garden decoration. The petals are broad and glistening white. The outer petals roll back to a depth of four inches, beautifully pointed and curled. It stands majestically aloft and commands attention and admiration. Won 1920 certificate for most meritorious seedling and was greatly admired in Boston and New York. It has splendid keeping qualities. Tubers ..... 2.00
- Uncle Sam (M & S).** Salmon rose, suffused with old gold and shading to apricot. One of the largest; extra good stem ..... 2.50
- The Mermaid.** A pleasing, well formed flower, of soft shades of yellow, with outer petals of a lovely cinnamon pink. It is a well built decorative. Stem is excellent. A good cut flower. Tubers ..... 2.00
- Valley Forge (Greinberg).** Fuschia garnet, large flowers on stiff stems ..... 2.00
- Venus (Marean).** White with lavender suffusion ..... 1.00
- Winfield Slocombe.** The center a beautiful gold, shading to burnt orange, giving the entire flower a unique and handsome color, very alluring under artificial light for decoration. Perfect in form, color, stem and foliage. Produces an abundance of blooms early and late. Capturing 1st prizes five years in succession for "Best Vases of 12 and 18 Decoratives" and "Best vases of 12 and 18 of Any Other Color." Awarded Certificate of Merit at Trial Grounds, Storrs ,Conn. (1921) ..... 5.00
- Wm. Slocombe.** A fine large flower, well formed, of a beautiful shade of canary yellow, shading to deep yellow towards the center. An exceptionally fine flower, carried on long stiff stems, well above the foliage. A general favorite and prize winner since a seedling. Flowers measure 10 inches, and do not droop. Easily grown and a prolific bloomer. Awarded Certificate of Merit at Storrs College Trial Gardens ..... 1.50
- Wizard of Oz (Doolittle).** Glowing amber pink or salmon shades 3.50

**"HYBRID CACTUS" DAHLIAS**

- Alan Slocombe.** Clear, lemon yellow. The flowers resemble chrysanthemums and are very beautiful indeed. The clear color, pointed petals and perfect type, with vigorous stems, blossoms with great freedom and makes it a joy to grow. Tubers ..... 5.00
- Edith Slocombe.** A true hybrid Cactus, finely formed flowers carried on long wiry stems, of a wonderful shade of rich fuschia-garnet, velvet shadings, a most striking flower, the twisted and curled petals showing the beautiful combination of colors make this an unusually attractive variety. This Dahlia, when exhibited at the New York and Boston shows, was greatly admired and very highly praised and won many prizes ..... 2.00
- Elsie Bonnell.** Fine deep maroon. Heavy petals of a velvety texture. Flowers five to six inches, produced with unusual freedom on perfect stems, carrying the flowers well above the foliage, will keep for days when cut ..... 2.00
- Emma Marie (Dahliadel 1924).** Clear pink with a creamy white center. Robust grower, producing deep full centered blooms. Tubers ..... 6.00      Plants ..... 3.00
- Jean Chazot or Gay Paree (Cayeux).** Golden bronze with suffusion of nasturtium red. Good bloomer, good stem. Tubers 1.00
- Kalif (Engelhardt).** An old favorite, which is still good, a brilliant scarlet, strong stems, perfect formation. Tubers ..... .75
- King Solomon (Andrews).** A beautiful orange-buff with an iridescent sheen on the twirled and twisted petals. Perfect stem. No stock shipped before April 1st. Tubers ..... 10.00
- Lorna Slocombe.** An immense hybrid cactus variety, of an unusual shade of vermillion beautifully blended with flame and apricot shadings, very distinct and free flowering. Everyone who saw this variety at the New York Dahlia Shows admired it and was loud in his praises at seeing such an unusual and wonderful flower. The formation as well as the color is unique. Its brilliant flame color illuminates the whole garden. One of the best and sure to please. Flowers ten to twelve inches .... 5.00
- Mrs. Edna Spencer.** A novelty of delicate and exquisite shade of lavender, or orchid pink. A lasting cut flower of unusual color and very beautiful under artificial light ..... 1.00
- Mrs. Waarnar.** White shaded lavender ..... 2.00

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- Nathan.** Creamy yellow, pink suffusion on tips. A good exhibition flower. Shaggy ..... 2.00
- Rosa Bonheur (W. J. Rowe).** A graceful combination of dainty form and clear color. Ivory white center, shading to a beautiful shell-pink. Free blooming and splendid stem. The outer petals prettily twisted and curled, gives a graceful appearance. Good in color, form, texture and stem. Prize winner ..... 2.50
- Nellie Slocombe (Cactus).** Pale Persian lilac-pink, a beautiful cut flower produced in great profusion, very much in demand for making up ..... 1.00

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## PAEONY DAHLIAS

- Annie Slocombe (Paeony).** A pleasing combination of soft amber yellow overcast with bronze, the back of the petals distinctly marked red, which makes this variety unusually attractive, very free flowering and a strong grower ..... 2.00
- Geisha (Hornsveld).** An old but attractive Dahlia. The color is orange scarlet, with yellow center, the deeper tones paling off toward the tips of the petals. The petals show more twists and curls than almost any other dahlia ..... 1.00

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## “HYBRID SHOW” DAHLIAS

- Arthur Kelsey.** A very fine flower, purplish crimson, good form. Rated 88 points at Storrs College ..... 1.00
- Mrs. C. D. Anderson.** This might be called an improved Cuban Giant. It is rich purplish crimson and bears large flowers freely on the best of stems ..... .50
- Supt. Amryhn. (Hybrid Show).** Deep pink, excellent stem. Won first prize in all shows for “Best vase of 12 and 18 blooms.” Robust grower, strong generous tubers. Won Silver cup in New York for best keeper ..... 2.00

### DAHLIA SEED

Growing Dahlias from seed is very easy and most fascinating. Each seed produces a new variety and blossoms the first year. Seed gathered from our newest varieties, 25 seeds, \$1.50; 50 seeds, \$2.50.



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THE SLOCOMBE GREEN HOUSES

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

1 doz. assorted Dahlias, including singles .....	\$2.00
1 doz. mixed through handling .....	3.50
1 doz. named varieties, our selection .....	5.00
MAID OF THE MIST, pink .....	\$2.00
ELIZABETH SLOCOMBE, garnet .....	.50
PURITY, white .....	.50

**Three dollars worth at \$2.00**

MONARCH, white .....	\$2.00
MAID OF THE MIST, pink .....	2.00

**Four dollars worth at \$3.00**

ALAN SLOCOMBE, yellow .....	\$5.00
MAID OF THE MIST, pink .....	2.00
ELIZABETH SLOCOMBE, garnet .....	.50
PURITY, white .....	.50

**Eight dollars worth at \$5.00**

#### Ten Dollar Surprise

Ten named varieties, our selection, guaranteed to please .....	\$10.00
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*"Mind is the master power that moulds and makes,  
And man is mind, and ever more he takes  
The tool of thought, and shaping what he wills,  
Brings forth a thousand joys, a thousand ills:  
He thinks in secret, and it comes to pass.  
Environment is but his looking-glass."*

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EDITH SLOCOMBE

Grown by Mrs. E. H. Kitson, 9 Irvington Street, Springfield, Mass.  
(See Description, Page Eight)



## DAHLIA CULTURE

**D**AHLIAS do best in a light, porous soil, with good drainage. They do fairly well in twenty-five per cent shade, but an open location, in full sunshine is best. Do not have the soil too rich, for too much fertilizer, too much water, or too much shade, will cause the plants to grow tall and rank, but almost barren of blooms. Heavy clay soil should be made light by adding ashes or sand. Cultivation is everything with dahlias. Never allow the top of the ground to become hard and baked. Keep it finely pulverized with hoe or rake, particularly during dry weather.

If your dahlias do not do well any year, the weather may be to blame. Do not blame the grower from whom you bought your tubers. Your soil, your failure to cultivate often enough, plus your weather, may account for ill success. Do not plant too early, the tubers may rot during a cold spell. Plant six inches deep, laying tuber flat, sprout side uppermost; cover two inches, and fill in the rest of the soil as the plant grows. This may keep tuber from rotting.

Do not plant when the soil is sticky-wet after rains. Do not let fresh fertilizer touch the tuber. Use two cupfuls of bone meal to a plant, and if you add any barnyard manure be sure the manure is old, well-rotted, and mixed thoroughly in the soil. Rye sowed in the fall and turned under in the spring adds humus to the soil and is most beneficial. We have success from plowing manure into the ground in the fall where it can decay all winter.

A small tuber is as good, often better, than a big one. Dahlias may be planted from the first of May to the first of July. June first is about right. The dahlia is an autumn flower and blooms best when the heat of August has passed away.

Wood ashes scratched into the top soil (not over two inches, lest the roots of the tuber be injured) when the flower buds show, will increase brilliancy of color of blooms and improve the tubers, for all root crops require potash. Flower buds usually appear in threes; pinch off two, leaving the largest one, and thereby obtain much finer blooms.

Scrape away enough earth to make a basin-shaped hollow two feet in diameter about each plant, sprinkle a generous handful of sheep manure; slowly pour in three buckets of water; fill the hollow with earth after the water disappears. Repeat this every ten days and your blooms will be large and fine.

After the frost kills the plants, dig carefully lest the necks of the tubers are broken; dry half a day in the sun and air, and pack closely, stems downward, in paper-lined barrels and boxes, covering top carefully with paper, and then with old rugs, or bags. The clumps of tubers must not dry out during the winter, or the buds will be injured, very probably killed.

When you receive tubers from us, unpack immediately, check up to verify order, and keep them in moist but not wet earth or sand until they are planted.



“Take life as you find it, but do not leave it so.”

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*Give fools their gold and knaves their power;  
Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall;  
Who sows a field, or trains a flower,  
Or plants a tree, is more than all.  
For he who blesses most is blest;  
And God and man shall own his worth  
Who toils to leave as his bequest  
An added beauty to the earth.*

—Whittier